

PART TWO.

CASTRO FINALLY ACCEPTS

Venezuela Yields to Demands of European Allies.

PAVES WAY TO SETTLEMENT.

United States Minister Bowen Authorized to Act for Venezuela—Trouble May Go to The Hague Tribunal for Adjustment.

Caracas, Jan. 9.—After two stormy meetings of the cabinet all the conditions set forth in the replies of the powers to President Castro's last proposals in the matter of settling the Venezuelan dispute through arbitration have been accepted by the Venezuelan government. The government considers the conditions to be unjust, but declares it is obliged to yield to force. The Venezuelan answer was delivered at the United States legation here at noon. The conditions of the powers cover cash payments to the allies and guarantees for the payment of the balance of their claims. It can be said on good authority that the question of raising the existing blockade will not be considered. It was learned that by the terms of the notes of the foreign powers handed to President Castro by Minister Bowen Wednesday and of the Venezuelan answer to them, delivered at the American legation yesterday, a compromise in the matter of arbitration has been reached.

Bowen to Leave for Washington.
Minister Bowen has received orders to leave Venezuela tomorrow for Washington, where he will present the Venezuelan case to the British-German commission. A warship will wait for Mr. Bowen at LaGuayra. The war office here is working day and night on the preparation of documents in order that the Venezuelan case may be ready for presentation.

Minister Bowen will be clothed with authority to represent Venezuela for the adjustment of all her claims out of hand, or if this be found impossible he is authorized to act for Venezuela in settling all points open to controversy so far as possible and in drafting the terms on which a final and conclusive arbitration shall be made by the international court at The Hague. The proceedings in the matter will take place at Washington, presumably a few days after his arrival there. The commissioners on the part of the allies, it is understood, will be their leading diplomatic agents in Washington.

Foreign business houses in Venezuela are suffering exceedingly from the effects of the continued blockade. The revolutionary movement under General Matos is losing popularity daily because of the assistance it is alleged the German blockading vessels are giving it in permitting the landing of arms for the revolutionists.

Chamberlain Replies to Boers.
Pretoria, Transvaal, Jan. 9.—Mr. Chamberlain, replying to the address of the burghers for various measures of relief, said the terms already granted were decidedly generous and that there was no prospect of a general amnesty. He declared the government purposed abiding by the terms of the Vereeniging agreement, with which the Boer leaders at the time of surrender had complied. The cases of the burghers now in Europe would be considered individually on their merits, said Mr. Chamberlain, and these burghers should prove their loyalty by accounting for the gold taken to Europe. The secretary said that the annexation of the Vryheid and Utrecht districts to Natal was convertible and that the natives would be compelled to observe their obligations. He declared that he would have been better pleased had the address of the burghers, instead of consisting merely of demands, contained some recognition of what his majesty's government had already done for the Boers.

Rebellion in China Spreads.
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 9.—The Empress of Japan brought news from China that Kan Hoftu, who leads the insurrection in Shing Kaing, is now the leader of 100,000 men and has obtained possession of the most important points in the neighborhood of Monkei. He has proclaimed himself sovereign. The rebellion in Kwang Si grows. Advice from Hong Kong state that one-half the province of Kwang Si has fallen into the hands of the rebels. General Ma has been killed and the capital, Kweilin, is in imminent peril.

Names Baron von Sternburg.
Berlin, Jan. 9.—Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German consul general at Calcutta, has been appointed charge at Washington during the absence of Dr. von Holleben on sick leave. Chancellor von Buelow regarding the business at Washington as so important at present as to require a special substitute for the ambassador. The inference naturally is that Baron Sternburg will succeed Dr. von Holleben as ambassador, should the latter's health prevent his return.

Confidence Restored at Fez.
Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 9.—A courier who arrived here from Fez is the bearer of a letter, dated Jan. 3, from a commercial firm there saying that confidence has been restored and request-

ing the dispatch of goods which were being detained here. The letter declares it is not true that Mulai Mohammed has been appointed commander-in-chief of the imperial forces. The sultan is sanguine, but it is not likely he will assume the offensive.

STONE TO SUCCEED VEST.

Missouri Democrats Nominate Former Governor for Senator.
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 9.—The Democrats of the Missouri legislature in joint caucus last night nominated former Governor W. J. Stone of St. Louis for United States senator to succeed Senator Vest. The nomination was made by acclamation after William H. Wallace of Kansas City, who was a candidate, withdrew from the race in support of Stone. It was apparent that Wallace had no chance except that some Democrats remain away from the caucus and unite with the Republicans on him, but the nomination Wednesday night of R. C. Kerens by the Republicans shattered the possibility. Stone had a large majority in the caucus.

Heyburn is Nominated.
Boise, Ida., Jan. 9.—W. B. Heyburn was last night nominated by the joint Republican caucus for United States senator. The field combined against W. E. Borah in favor of Judge Heyburn. The successful candidate is a native of Delaware county, Pennsylvania, and is about forty-eight years of age. He is a successful attorney and is a resident of Wallace Shoshone county, where he has a large mining practice.

ACQUIT BOY OF MURDER CHARGE

Jury Does Not Consider Him Responsible for Killing His Stepmother.
Columbus, Jan. 9.—Herman Borchers, the fourteen-year-old boy who has been on trial charged with the murder of his stepmother, Gerhard Borchers, at their farm near Humphrey, last October, has been declared not guilty. After six hours' deliberation the jury came in with a verdict for acquittal. While there is no doubt the boy did the killing, the verdict was returned in accordance with the court's instructions regarding the legal responsibility and the age of the boy.

Prairie Chickens Costly.

St. Louis, Jan. 9.—Deputy Game Warden C. B. Kuhl yesterday secured a search warrant and acting upon its authority discovered 206 prairie chickens in the basement of the Potter meat market. An information will be filed charging Potter with keeping prairie chickens in his possession contrary to the law. As the fine in such case is \$10 for each bird and an additional mulct of \$5 for the prosecuting attorney and \$5 for the informer for each bird, Potter, if found guilty, will be subject to a fine of \$4,120.

Two Women Try to End Troubles.

Omaha, Jan. 9.—Mrs. C. J. Benson, despondent over divorce proceedings begun by her husband, tried to take her own life in a room at the Millard hotel yesterday by shooting herself in the right breast. Miss Louise Cohen, who resides at Eleventh street and Capitol avenue, because of unrequited love, took a dose of poison. Both will recover. H. S. Hibbard, son of Frank Hibbard, residing near Irvington, committed suicide yesterday by blowing his head nearly off with a shotgun.

Louisville, Neb., Bank Is Robbed.

Louisville, Neb., Jan. 9.—The Commercial bank of Louisville, owned by Tom E. Parmele of Plattsmouth, was entered and robbed of \$4,000 Wednesday night. The robbers gained an entrance through the postoffice, which is in the same building, by making a hole about twenty inches square in the brick and cement partition which opened directly into the vault. So far nothing has been found missing from the postoffice.

National Board of Trade.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The thirty-third annual convention of the National Board of Trade will be held at the Shoreham hotel in this city, commencing Jan. 13, and will continue three or four days. The executive committee will meet here Monday next. The membership of the National Board embraces more than fifty of the leading boards of trade and commercial organizations throughout the country.

Banquet of Horsemeat.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—Six hundred people sat down last night to the most remarkable banquet that ever has been given in Berlin. The dishes consisted entirely of horsemeat, and were served in various forms. The society for the prevention of cruelty to animals issued the invitations to the dinner, which was given for the purpose of demonstrating the nourishing and palatable qualities of horsemeat.

Want Postoffice Reopened.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator McLaurin of Mississippi called on Postmaster General Payne yesterday and urged him to reopen the Indianola (Miss.) postoffice. Mr. Payne told him that the case now rested with President Roosevelt, who was giving the question careful consideration.

Curzon Reviews Troops.

Delhi, India, Jan. 9.—The review yesterday by the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, of 30,000 British and native troops, led by Lord Kitchener, was the last important event of the coronation durbars.

ACCEPT CUBAN TREATY

Beet Sugar Association Takes Action on Reciprocity.

OPPOSING MEMBERS WITHDRAW.

National Association Urges Guaranty That Duty Shall Be Fixed for Five Years—Reduction of Philippine Tariff is Condemned.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The American Beet Sugar association held its annual meeting here yesterday and passed resolutions withdrawing any opposition to the ratification of the Cuban reciprocity treaty and recommending that the treaty be so amended as to express in precise language what is intended to be secured by it to the beet sugar manufacturers of the United States, viz: During the period of five years covered by the treaty no sugar exported from Cuba shall be admitted to the United States at a reduction of duty greater than 20 per cent of the rates of duty thereon as provided by the tariff act of July 24, 1897. The association also adopted a resolution protesting against the unnecessary stimulation of the sugar and tobacco industries of the Philippine islands by means of further tariff reductions, thus, as the resolution stated, encouraging the people of those islands, where the labor is but a few cents per day, to produce those things which this country can produce rather than such commodities as they are liable to produce.

The action of the association was not unanimous, the vote on the passage of the resolution standing 3 to 2, although Henry T. Oxnard, the president of the association, said he had enough proxies with him to make the vote 12 to 2. The opponents of the resolution claim there are thirty or more factories in the association and that the representation at the meeting does not comprise half of the factories in the association. None of the sixteen factories in Michigan were represented in the meeting, excepting that Julius Stroth of Detroit, the treasurer of the association, was present.

There were five companies represented at the meeting of the association when the Cuban and Philippine resolutions were adopted. These were the American Beet Sugar company, represented by Henry T. Oxnard; the Wisconsin Sugar company, R. G. Wagner; the National Sugar company, F. K. Carey, and the Los Alamos Sugar company, J. Ross Clark. Messrs. Wagner and Clark strongly opposed the Cuban resolution, declaring that the present gathering was not a representative one of the sugar beet growing industry of the country, inasmuch as the entire vote, including the proxies held by Mr. Oxnard, did not amount to one-half of the sugar beet factories in the United States. After the meeting had adjourned they said that they would withdraw from further connection with the association, as it had outlived its usefulness and was dominated by a one-man power.

Mr. Oxnard, when seen, contended that the yearly output of the companies which he represented and of those for whom he held proxies was vastly greater many times than the output of the companies whose representatives had opposed the resolution. The Michigan beet sugar interests have not yet passed on the resolutions. Before adjourning the Beet Sugar association last night elected the following officers: President, Henry T. Oxnard; vice president, F. K. Carey of Baltimore; secretary, Truman G. Palmer; treasurer, Julius Stroth of Detroit.

ALDRICH OPPOSES FREE COAL.

Claims Abrogation of Tariff Would Not Help People.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The senate again discussed the Vest resolution requesting the financial committee to report a bill to remove the duty on anthracite coal, and Aldrich replied to some of the criticisms of Vest, made last Tuesday. Aldrich insisted that the resolution would not accomplish the result sought and that it infringed the constitutional rights of the house in respect to revenue bills. Aldrich said that a Democratic senate voted to put a duty of 45 cents on coal in 1894 and that they favored free coal except on the day when they could have voted for free coal in the tariff bill. Vest, in reply, said that the duty on coal was the result of a "hold-up" by a few Democratic senators. To confirm his assertion, that Dingley had made the statement that the Dingley rates were placed high in order to negotiate reciprocity treaties, Vest read from a letter addressed to him by the editor of the Philadelphia Bulletin, in which the writer declared that Dingley made the statement to one of his Washington correspondents. Hale expressed his disbelief in the statement and feelingly referred to Dingley's services to his state and country and paid a high tribute to his character. The Dingley bill he regarded as a "great magnificent and munificent gift to the American people in the cause of protection and prosperity." The resolution finally went over until the next legislative day.

minor bills were passed and the senate adjourned until Monday.

The house passed the Philippine constabulary bill as it was reported from the committee, except for an amendment limiting the number of assistant chiefs to four.

ANTI-TRUST BILLS INTRODUCED.

Provide for Punishment of Both Parties to Rebate or Discrimination.
Washington, Jan. 9.—Two anti-trust bills prepared by Attorney General Knox were introduced in the house by Representative Jenkins, chairman of the judiciary committee. These bills are said to represent the views of the administration on the question. One of the bills amends the Sherman anti-trust law to strengthen and perfect it to meet the views of the attorney general, the chief features being a provision that it shall be unlawful for any person to offer, solicit or accept any rebate, concession or service in respect to the transportation of any property in interstate or foreign commerce whereby such property is transported at a less rate than that named in the published tariff of the carrier, a fine of \$5,000 being provided, and that the circuit courts of the United States are invested with jurisdiction to prevent and restrain such rebates. The second bill provides for the appointment of a commission to carry out the provisions of the Sherman act, as it is proposed to have it amended. The bill confers on the commission powers somewhat similar, though much stronger, than those possessed by the interstate commerce commission.

Liens on Gould's Castle.

New York, Jan. 9.—Six liens, aggregating nearly \$80,000, have been filed at Hempstead, L. I., against Castle Gould, the country seat that Howard Gould is building at Sands Point. The contractors who filed the liens refuse to explain their reasons until the case is brought up in the Nassau county court. Mr. Gould had trouble with workmen last autumn and had deputy sheriffs to keep walking delegates off his premises.

No Tidings of Overdue Liner.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 9.—The steamer Empress of Japan reached port yesterday from Yokohama, having no news of the overdue liner Melados, which is now about thirty-six days out from Yokohama for Puget sound. The headwinds which the Empress encountered would favor the passage of the overdue steamer rather than retard her and officers of the Empress say she must have broken down.

Evening Reception at White House.

Washington, Jan. 9.—President Roosevelt last night held the first of his four annual evening receptions. The event was one of the most brilliant ever held in the white house. The president looked the picture of health as he escorted Mrs. Roosevelt. Miss Alice Roosevelt was escorted by Secretary Moody. The diplomatic corps, in whose honor the reception was given, was out in full force.

Hearing at Havana Closed.

Havana, Jan. 9.—The senate committee on foreign affairs, which has been holding conferences on the reciprocity treaty with representatives of different economic societies, brought its hearings to a close yesterday. It is believed here that the committee on foreign affairs will undoubtedly report in favor of accepting the treaty and that it will be approved by both houses.

Boy Counterfeiters Arrested.

Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 9.—Patrick Groghan, aged sixteen years, has been arrested for passing counterfeit nickels, mostly into slot machines. He has confessed to the existence of a gang of counterfeiters, headed by a seventeen-year-old boy, and has directed the police to a complete plant for making bad money. Other arrests will follow.

Arguments in Tingley Libel Case.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 9.—Testimony was closed in the Tingley-Times libel case yesterday and the jury arguments begun. Frederick R. Kellogg of New York made the opening argument for the plaintiff, speaking for two hours. Eugene Dane of San Diego began the opening address for the defendant and had spoken an hour when court adjourned.

Schwab Recovers Health.

New York, Jan. 9.—Joseph F. Schwab, who returned recently from a visit abroad, announced that his brother, Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, has fully recovered from the recent ill health, and that he returns to the United States early in March and will resume his duties at the head of the steel company.

Chaffee Makes Denial.

New York, Jan. 9.—Major General Adna R. Chaffee made a denial of the cable report that any act or order or any instruction of his while in the Philippines could be construed into an authorization of the application of the water cure for the purpose of extracting information from the natives.

Governor Mickey Inaugurated.

Lincoln, Jan. 9.—Both houses adjourned before noon yesterday after brief routine sessions, to convene in joint session at 2 o'clock, when the farewell address of Governor Savage and the inaugural message of Governor Mickey were delivered and the general inaugural ceremonies carried out.

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